



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held December 14, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Chief Administrative Officer's joint recommendation with the Sheriff to approve the contribution of \$3 million to the Los Angeles Regional Crime Laboratory Facility Joint Powers Authority from surplus bond proceeds to fund a shortfall in the construction contract for the Regional Laboratory project; also approve contribution of \$3 million to the Los Angeles Regional Crime Laboratory Facility Joint Powers Authority from surplus bond proceeds to fund a reserve account to be held in escrow by the State; and authorize the development of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Joint Powers Authority and the State regarding its use.

Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

"The State of California has worked jointly with the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County to provide a state-of-the art Los Angeles Regional Crime Laboratory Facility (Crime Lab). This \$92 million dollar project was generously funded by the State of California to be used by the City, the County, and the California State University, Los Angeles.

"This is a unique opportunity to link two separate law enforcement agencies and an educational institution to combat crime. The Crime Lab will significantly serve the needs of the Los Angeles area; 40% of all crime in the State of California occurs in Los Angeles. These statistics, and the recent voter-approved proposition which would require DNA testing of all individuals charged with a crime in the State of California, demonstrate that the need for a crime lab is greater than before.

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“The County sincerely appreciates the dedication and support of California State Legislators in providing the funding for this wonderful facility. However, the County wishes to ensure that this capital project, similar to County-managed capital projects, maintains fiscal accountability to its taxpayers.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Approved the Chief Administrative Officer’s attached joint recommendation with the Sheriff regarding the disbursement of funds to the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for the Regional Crime Laboratory project; and
2. Instructed County Counsel to draft a Memorandum of Understanding between the JPA and the State that should include the following:
  - In the event that project costs exceed the specified bid, use of JPA reserve money will be used after the State contingency money has been expended;
  - In the event that the project does not utilize all of the project funds, the State will refund all reserve money, including State contingency, to the JPA; and
  - The Crime Lab JPA will have joint oversight with the State over all change orders, including those that would authorize payment from State contingency money.

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Attachment

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Each Supervisor  
County Counsel  
Sheriff